

BOARD DRAFT IN EARLY AUGUST

DELAY TO PREVENT UNFAIRNESS IN FIXING RANK OF OFFICERS.

WOULD HELP OUT FARMERS

Department Needs More Time to Prepare Mobilization Camps—State Troops to Concentrate in Near Future.

Washington. — Drafting of the national guard into the federal armies for war service may be delayed until August 5, because under the present plans for drafting the guard in three increments, July 15, July 25 and Aug. 5 the relative rank of its officers would be established on an unfair basis. The national defense act provides that national guard officers shall take rank as of the date of the draft.

Would Help Agriculture. The additional time thus gained would be valuable to the department in making ready the divisional camps at which the state forces will be mobilized and would also permit the assembling of additional equipment for the troops.

The department has received numerous requests for early drafting of forces from some states, members of congress stating that the troops were ready and eager for the call, while from other sections, notably agricultural regions, requests for delay have come as the loss of the number of men involved during harvest period would have a tendency to create a labor shortage.

Recruiting Is Good. However, preparations for the mobilization of the state troops are proceeding smoothly, say the officials.

Recruiting has been good for the last month particularly among the regiments not called into federal service for police duty.

Reports from quartermaster contracts show that clothing, tentage and other equipment for the troops will be available. There are sufficient rifles in store to arm every regiment fully. Signal corps and engineer equipment will be available on time, and the only delay anticipated will be with the artillery.

On this basis of present returns there will be enough infantry regiments to organize immediately after the draft 13 or 14 of the 16 new divisions promised.

CONTRACT LET FOR FLYING SCHOOL AT BELLEVILLE

Will Be One of Nine Fields in Country and Accommodate About 300 Student Flyers.

Washington, D. C.—Contracts have been let for the fourth of the nine new government flying fields at Belleville, Ill.

It will be a standard two-squadron field, accommodating 300 student flyers, with the requisite number of officer instructors, mechanics and enlisted men, and providing hangars for 72 training planes. Construction will begin immediately.

Flying fields already under construction are at Dayton, O.; Mount Clemens, Mich., and Rantoul, Ill. The government plans to complete letting a fifth contract soon.

Housewives Asked to Conserve. Washington.—Secretary Houston appealed to American housewives to assist the national food conservation movement by canning or preserving perishable fruits and vegetables.

Two Negro Slayers Executed. Little Rock, Ark.—Tom Diggs and Aaron Johnson, negroes, were electrocuted at the state penitentiary. Both were guilty of the murder of white persons.

Falls to Form New Cabinet. Amsterdam.—Count Henry Clam Martinic, premier of the Austrian cabinet which recently resigned, has failed in his attempt to reconstruct the ministry.

U. S. Agents for Argentine Bank. Buenos Aires.—The National Bank of Argentina has designated the federal reserve board as its representative in the United States.

Police Chief Killed Assistant. Benton, Ill.—Roy Loden, 45, was shot and killed by W. F. Murphy, night chief of police, at West Frankfort, seven miles south of here. Loden was assistant chief of police.

Annapolis Candidate Drowns. Annapolis, Md.—Charles McFarland, a candidate for the naval academy from Jennings, Ok., was drowned when a canoe capsized in Annapolis harbor.

Chaplin Books Income to \$1,000,000. San Francisco, Cal.—Charlie Chaplin, movie comedian, has sold his pictures for the coming year for a sum exceeding \$1,000,000. The First National Exhibitors, a syndicate, made the purchase.

Warns of Bomb Plot. Charleston, S. C.—Gen. Leonard Wood's office sent out warnings of plots said to be hatched by German agents to install highly inflammable bombs in establishments engaged in federal work.

Sisener Almost Hanged. Milwaukee, Wis.—Milton A. Roberts, who was the federal grand jury after having felt a rat rope around his neck with the other and over the back of a tree. He was saved from hanging by the sheriff after he had pulled the rat.

Banker Heads Retirees. Atlanta, Ga.—Rev. E. Leslie Pidd, who was elected president of the International Association of Bankers, is retiring.

ROYALTY GREET AMERICAN NURSES



At the invitation of King George, the officers and nurses of base hospital unit No. 4, U. S. A., were received at Buckingham palace. The photograph shows their majesties shaking hands with the nurses as they passed by. Behind them stands Dr. Walter Hines Page, American ambassador.

ALIENS IN UNITED STATES

CENSUS BUREAU GIVES OUT LIST OF FOREIGNERS.

Germany Has Million More Than Austria, But Fewer of Them Are of Military Age.

Washington, D. C.—Figures just compiled by the bureau of the census show that the total number of alien inhabitants of the United States, of the nationalities with which this country is at war, or which are allied with Germany, to be 4,662,000 and constituting 4 1/2 per cent of the total number of inhabitants. The distribution is as follows and contains all men, women and children born in the countries named:

Germany 2,349,000
Austria 1,376,000
Turkey 188,000
Bulgaria 11,000

The number of male aliens 21 years of age and over would be about 964,000, or about 3.2 per cent of the total number of male inhabitants of the United States 21 years of age and over, and the distribution of these males according to country of birth is:

Germany 136,000
Austria 447,000
Hungary 380,000
Turkey 93,000
Bulgaria 8,000

Up to 1910 most of the Germans were naturalized, but the Austrians and Hungarians did not seem so ready to amalgamate with the Americans and become citizens. In the early days of the war there was also an exodus of men of military age toward Germany, and somewhat of an overflow from the other countries. The normal immigration from Germany has decreased to practically nothing.

GERMAN SOCIALIST ON PEACE

Write to Russian Council That Workers Should Make Common Effort to End the War.

Stockholm, Sweden.—The delegation from the German Socialist party has written to the Petrograd Council of Workmen and Soldiers' delegates expressing its readiness to participate in the international conference proposed by the council. The letter says in part:

"The German Social Democracy has worked throughout the war with all its strength for an understanding between the workers of all countries for a common effort to re-establish peace. We had to fight against all imperialistic ideas of conquest and this has made it possible for us to passionately welcome the Russian revolution. The aim avowed by your council, peace without annexations or indemnities, is also ours."

The letter is signed by Philip Scheidemann and his fellow delegates.

RUSSIAN PEOPLE PESSIMISTIC

Root Says Situation Is Improving—Swiss Socialist, Peace-maker, Departed.

Petrograd, Russia.—"I find the citizens of Petrograd pessimistic—but I think the situation in Russia is improving," declared former Senator Root, chairman of the American mission.

"The only danger comes from Germany. The incident of the deportation of the Swiss Socialist, Robert Grimm, is very significant. Through failure of his efforts, Germany has lost all hope of a separate peace."

The Petrograd press was filled with enthusiastic comments over the extremely meager reports indicating almost a revolution for democracy in Spain. The people are eager for full details.

Aid for Hoover Chosen. Baltimore, Md.—George S. Jackson, one of the largest grain exporters of this city, will become an aid to Herbert C. Hoover, the government food commissioner. His services are to be without pay.

Monroe Doctrine Is Recognized. Washington, D. C.—In notifying the United States of her revocation of neutrality in the world war, Brazil formally recognized the strength of the Monroe doctrine and "the traditional friendship" of the two nations.

Banker Munday's Case Reversed. Springfield, Ill.—The supreme court reversed and remanded for retrial the case in which Charles B. Munday was convicted of fraudulent operations as vice-president of the La Salle Trust and Savings Bank.

Plot to Blast Trains. Knoxville, Tenn.—W. S. Clark, confessed to police participation in a plot to dynamite troop-bearing trains and bridges of military importance. Clark was arrested in connection with an explosion May 6.

COCCHI CAPTURED IN ITALY

CRUGER GIRL'S MURDERER TO BE RETURNED.

Declares Innocence and Will Resist Extradition—Six Others Known Attacked.

Bologna, Italy.—Alfredo Cocchi, who is under arrest here in connection with the murder of Ruth Cruger in New York, will resist extradition. He declares himself innocent of any crime and his lawyer is preparing a case to show no valid demand for his return to the United States can be made.

Six Known Attacked. New York, N. Y.—The names of 24 women and girls were found on slips of paper in the shop of Alfredo Cocchi, under arrest in Italy for the brutal murder of 17-year-old Ruth Cruger.

Ostensibly these were women and girls who had rented motorcycles of the Italian, but the police believe Cocchi may have made some of the entries in this fashion to deceive his wife, already jealous over his affairs with young girls.

One of the first of the girls visited, Elsie Goldberg, told detectives that she was attacked by Cocchi when she went to his shop to rent a motorcycle. She is the sixth girl known to have fallen victim to the Italian's lust. She tore loose from his grasp and fled in terror.

DICTATE USE OF WAR FUND

Iowa Business Men Dislike Idea of State Helping Federal Government.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa.—Telegrams warning Gov. Harding not to use any portion of the \$1,000,000 of the war fund voted by the last Iowa legislature to build a new camp were signed and forwarded by prominent business men here.

The telegrams were sent following a report here that the state fund would be used in construction work at Camp Dodge, especially on sewers, roads and bridges leading to the camp. They said the use of the money for such purposes was illegal and warned the executive that its use would spell his political death.

TO POOL ON COAL SHIPMENTS

Combination of Dealers Seeks to Reduce Number of Cars Used in East.

Washington, D. C.—Under an agreement reached by shippers of bituminous coal to tidewater, all bituminous coal will be pooled during the war at the ports of New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Hampton Roads to reduce the number of cars used and expedite deliveries at the water front.

Fairfax Harrison of the defense council estimated that the agreement would enable roads to haul to the ports named 6,640,000 tons, or about 20 per cent more coal than they did last year.

PLEA FOR A SOLEMN FOURTH

Purpose in War Should Be Reflected in All Celebrations, Says Washington Statement.

Washington, D. C.—A plea that Independence day be observed this year with a solemnity reflecting the sober determination "of a democracy at war for its ideals and its existence," was made in a statement by the public information committee.

"Noise and useless illumination and unthinking celebration have no proper place in times such as these," said the statement.

Negro Motorist Lynched. Houston, Tex.—Ben Harper, negro chauffeur, of Houston, was lynched at Courtney, Tex. Harper was the driver of an automobile which ran over and fatally injured May Goodrun, 13-year-old girl.

Miners Get a Wage Increase. Charleston, W. Va.—Demands of miners of the Kanawha coal field for wage increases to 10 cents a ton on mining scale and 60 cents a day on the wage scale have been granted by the operators.

HOUSE PASSES NEW FOOD LAW

AMENDMENT FORBIDS USE OF GRAIN IN ANY WAY FOR ALCOHOL.

SENATE TO ACT THIS WEEK

President May Take Over All Liquor Now in Hand—Power Limited to Matters Named in Measure—Vote Impressive.

Washington, D. C.—The house, at 10:30 Saturday night, June 23, passed the Lever food control bill by a vote of 365 to 5, and five voting present.

Negative votes were by Meeker of Missouri; Ward, Republican, New York, and Hayden, McLenore and Young, all of Texas.

The bill as passed prohibits use of any grains in manufacture of alcohol for any use save scientific, medicinal, sacramental, or industrial purposes.

The bill gives the president broad authority to control the distribution of food, feed and fuel for war purposes, and appropriates \$152,500,000 for its enforcement and administration.

The amendment designed to cut off manufacture of liquors was adopted 132 to 114. It was submitted by Representative Barkley of Kentucky, Democrat, and would provide that no food, food material or feed could be used during the war for the manufacture of alcohol or alcoholic beverages, except for the purposes specified.

The bill gives the president authority to take over for war purposes all liquor now on hand.

The control powers of the president were limited to articles specifically mentioned in the bill, instead of giving him blanket authority. Voluntary aids in control work were made subject to the penal provision.

All persons in the food administration, except those serving without compensation, were placed under civil service, and the president was required to make an annual report on the operation of the bill.

The bill now goes to the senate, where it probably will be substituted this week for a similar measure already under consideration. Leaders hope to get the measure to conference by July 1.

FINAL FIGURES ON DRAFT

ALMOST HALF OF REGISTERED CLAIM EXEMPTIONS.

New York State Gives Over 1,000,000 Men and Nevada Has Only 11,000.

Washington, D. C.—Following is the complete official registration by states, as given out by the war department. The figures show that almost one-half the total of 9,649,938 men registered claim exemption for various causes.

State.	Number Registered.	Claiming Exempt.
Alabama	173,828	120,478
Arizona	56,932	12,248
Arkansas	147,522	99,196
California	297,522	125,205
Colorado	83,038	44,462
Connecticut	153,761	61,490
Delaware	21,864	11,788
Dist. of Columbia	32,227	19,758
Florida	84,683	47,413
Georgia	331,418	157,497
Idaho	41,158	21,842
Illinois	672,498	333,673
Indiana	255,145	151,689
Iowa	216,594	118,549
Kansas	146,686	85,951
Kentucky	158,673	93,553
Louisiana	157,727	39,392
Maine	60,176	66,748
Maryland	120,458	147,607
Massachusetts	359,323	183,270
Michigan	372,782	109,385
Minnesota	221,747	96,354
Mississippi	139,525	105,334
Missouri	299,825	181,211
Montana	82,273	37,335
Nebraska	118,123	64,956
Nevada	11,894	4,167
New Hampshire	37,642	16,993
New Jersey	300,743	137,119
New Mexico	32,202	17,685
New York	1,047,896	476,498
North Carolina	200,032	133,614
North Dakota	65,007	29,963
Ohio	565,384	301,963
Oklahoma	169,211	110,417
Oregon	62,618	32,944
Pennsylvania	830,507	396,654
Rhode Island	53,458	22,149
South Carolina	128,039	85,386
South Dakota	58,014	29,292
Tennessee	187,611	126,322
Texas	408,702	228,775
Utah	44,952	22,768
Vermont	29,058	13,234
Virginia	181,826	104,854
Washington	108,330	56,141
West Virginia	127,409	72,083
Wisconsin	240,170	115,149
Wyoming	22,848

Signs Road Bill. Springfield, Ill.—The Meents good road bill, providing for a bond issue of \$60,000,000 for the construction of a system of hard roads in Illinois, was signed by Gov. Lowden. It will go to a referendum vote.

Street Car Men Granted Raise. Chicago, Ill.—Employees of the surface and elevated street car lines were granted wage increases of 3 cents an hour after conferences lasting two weeks with officials of the two systems.

"Pensions" for Border Duty. Bismarck, N. D.—North Dakota is making a gift of \$50,000 to its national guardsmen who served on the Mexican border. That amount will be available to 700 guardsmen about July 1, when the "pensions" will be paid.

Explosion in Fortress. Havana.—An explosion in the magazine of Cabanas fortress across the bay from Havana, shook the entire city. One person is dead and many injured. It is believed a bomb was exploded.



1—Bishop Lablady of Arras standing in the ruins of his beautiful cathedral, which the Germans utterly wrecked before retreating from the town. 2—The band of the famous British Foot Guards passing under the Arc de Triomphe on its recent visit to Paris. 3—Miss Grace Parker, president of the National League for Woman's Service, who is organizing the woman force of the country.

BRITISH HEAVY ARTILLERY IN ACTION



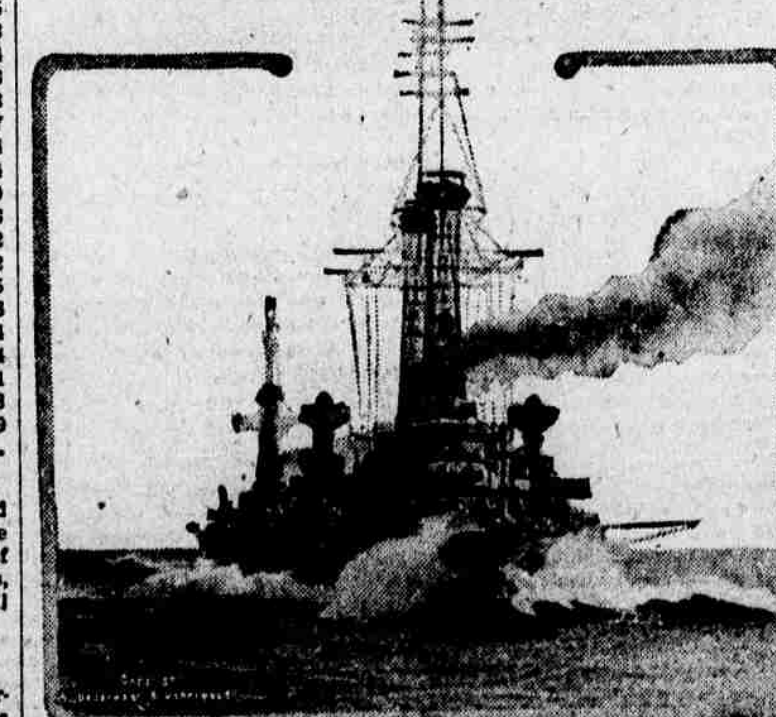
British official photograph taken on the western front showing a battery of guns just moved up to an advanced position.

MINE SWEEPERS FOR AMERICAN NAVY



The government has chartered the fishing trawlers Foam, Crest, Wave, Billow and Spray and converted them into mine sweepers. The illustration shows men of the Crest with one of the iron buoys used to support the nets. At the left is Capt. P. C. Shea of Mattapan, Mass., in charge of the mine sweepers.

BATTLESHIP NEW YORK AT FULL SPEED



Remarkable marine photograph showing the American battleship New York cutting head on at full speed, leading the division of which she is the flagship.

SCRAPS

The oat cakes of Scotland are said to approach nearer the primitive type of bread than anything else known to-day.

A Hackensack girl of fifteen decided she was too young to be a bride, had her marriage annulled and went back to school.

Cupressus macrocarpa, the Monterey cypress, has the most restricted range of all California trees, being found only at the mouth of the Carmel river.

The fruit cultivation of this country is largely engaged in by women. California has a number of successful growers.

An offer of \$30 a pound for 37 live chickens was refused by the Humane society of Pittsburgh the other day. The birds had been taken in a raid on a cockpit.

The British government has requisitioned all of the exportable New Zealand hides and sheepskins, and pelts can only be shipped on securing a permit from the minister of customs.

PICKED FOR HIGH POST



E. L. Travis, now chairman of the corporation commission of North Carolina, has been selected by President Wilson as a member of the Interstate commission, to be named as soon as congress passes the bill enlarging that body from nine to eleven.

Women and War.

Woman, according to legend and romance, becomes during the war the suitably samaritan who ministers to heroes' wounds, but, according to a report made to the London city mission, woman is really demoralized by the loss of her protector and companion. Women parading in public houses, drunk and vile of speech, have now become a common sight in the poorer quarters of London. The administrators of the patriotic fund in Canada have also found that great social disorganization follows the leaving of women alone at the mercy of landlords and others upon whom they are dependent in financial straits.

A Substitute for Cotton.

The English have found that bog moss, known technically as sphagnum cymbellifolium, when sterilized, makes an antiseptic, light, soft and cool dressing for wounds. It is picked in flannel bags after sterilization.

Stronger Than Fiction.

Some thrilling incidents are happening these days. A captain of a British freighter tells of fighting fire in the hold of the ship for eight days, and then just after it was extinguished the vessel was attacked by a submarine. The crew took to the boats, and just in the nick of time an airplane from the French coast appeared and began dropping bombs on the U-boat. The latter was sunk and the crew returned to the freighter and took her to port. There is enough adventure in that voyage to make a fair-sized novel.